

THE RUTHERFORD Report

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San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Rutherford delivered the State of the County speech on February 26 at Citizens Business Bank Arena. Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gl3vK12Pbao to view the entire State of the County program.

Life isn't about finding yourself. It's about creating yourself.

—George Bernard Shaw

CSI Celebrates 30 Years in Fontana

California Steel Industries, Inc.—the largest producer of flat-rolled steel west of the Rockies—celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

“CSI is proud of our team and the quality products we have manufactured here in San Bernardino County for the past 30 years,” said Ted Tamai, President & Chief Executive Officer. “We are also especially proud to have

operated for these three decades without a layoff of regular employees.”

CSI emerged from the remnants of the once mighty Kaiser Steel Mill in Fontana in 1984 when a group of investors saw promise in the facility and a need for a steel producer on the West Coast.

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United Way Volunteer Finds Work Rewarding



Last year, Crystal Johnson was thinking about volunteering in her community when fate struck.

“I’d always thought about volunteering but just never took the initiative to do it,” the 26-year-old Rancho Cucamonga resident said.

Then, one day, Johnson found a flyer advertising a financial awareness class hosted by Inland Empire United Way at her apartment complex.

She looked the organization up online and discovered a cornucopia of local volunteer opportunities on the organization’s HandsOn Inland Empire webpage. She found one that fit her goal to work with kids, and as a bonus, it was also close to home.

“They just have a huge database of places to volunteer,” she said. “It was exactly what I was looking for.”

Johnson opted to volunteer at the United Way’s Kid Pack program, which partners with local schools, businesses and community groups to provide homeless and very low-income school children with nutritious food every weekend.

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Give BIG—Big Opportunity for Nonprofits

Nonprofit organizations throughout San Bernardino County have an opportunity to raise funds and reach new supporters by participating in Give BIG San Bernardino County.

Give BIG San Bernardino is a 24-hour, online fundraising drive on May 8 that aims to grab the attention of community members who may have never donated to a local organization in the past.

During the event, which is being promoted through social media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn, people can contribute \$10 or more to any of the participating nonprofits through a special website that will tally how much has been donated and how many people have given.

While May 8 is the BIG day, donors can actually start giving to local nonprofits through the Website starting on March 27.

It costs \$100 for nonprofits to register to participate in Give BIG San Bernardino, and the deadline to register is April 1.

A similar effort in Riverside County netted \$207,450 for nonprofit organizations during its first year and another \$286,504 in its second year.

Perhaps more importantly, the event allowed nonprofit organizations to connect with more supporters.

That's because nonprofits participating in Give BIG receive the names and contact information of everyone who donates to them, unless the donor chooses to remain anonymous.

Nonprofits can use the contact information to reach out to those donors and to build their network of supporters.

Visit www.givebigsbcounty.org to learn more about the campaign, and please share this information with nonprofit organizations in your community so they can get involved in this exciting opportunity.



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The Kaiser Steel Mill was built in 1942 to supply steel to shipyards during World War II. It was built in Fontana, rather than by the coast, to protect it from potential enemy attacks. The plant enjoyed several decades of success but fell on hard times in the late 1970s as foreign competition, changing technology and recessionary times took a toll on the domestic steel industry across the United States.

Investors who later bought the plant took it in a different direction than Kaiser Steel.

Instead of refining iron ore in massive blast furnaces to make raw steel, they decided to purchase steel slabs from foreign suppliers and to produce hot-rolled, cold-rolled, and galvanized flat-rolled sheet coils that could be sold directly to steel distributors and product manufacturers.

Today, trains deliver 75 carloads of steel slabs to CSI every day from countries such as Brazil, Mexico, and Japan, as well as domestic sources when available.

Energy-efficient furnaces powered by natural gas heat the slabs to a red-hot state so they can be pressed into thin steel sheets that are rolled up like gift-wrapping paper.

Some of the rolled steel is treated in various ways to meet customers' needs. For example, the plant galvanizes steel

sheet by running it through molten zinc. This protects the steel from rust and corrosion. Galvanized steel is used heavily in the construction industry for products such as air conditioning units, air ducts, studs, siding, and decking that must be durable and corrosion-resistant.

CSI is also one of the leading suppliers of electric resistance welded (ERW) steel pipe, which is used extensively in the oil and natural gas industry.

The company is in the midst of constructing a new \$100-million pipe mill to expand its ERW pipe manufacturing capabilities.

In 2009, CSI installed a state-of-the-art, natural gas powered reheat furnace to increase production by about a million tons annually.

Mr. Tamai noted, "We chose to expand our operations here with access to good employees, our partnerships with the Port of Los Angeles and the rail companies, and most importantly, to best serve our customers."

Visit www.californiasteel.com to learn more about CSI.

Compassion Drives Coroner Division

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's Coroner Division does more than tell the tales of the dead; it provides peace of mind for the living, too.

"What drives these men and women is their compassion for the loved ones left behind," said Capt. Kevin Lacy, who heads up the Coroner Division.

Fundamentally, the Coroner is charged with investigating and determining the cause and manner of death for people who die in San Bernardino County.

Investigators remove bodies from traffic collisions, murders and fatal accidents, and they also seek to tell the stories behind those deaths through witness interviews, on-scene observations, and meticulous autopsies that document every scratch, bruise, or bullet wound.

However, most of the cases the Coroner investigates are unexplained deaths that are eventually determined to be from natural causes.

Out of the 9,475 cases investigated last year, nearly 8,284 were determined to be natural deaths.

The Coroner also must notify decedents' next of kin—a responsibility that requires a compassionate soul and, sometimes, a tenacious spirit.

While many notifications happen soon after a death because the decedent can be easily identified, more complicated cases, such as bones found in the desert or a body pulled from the aqueduct, can take days, weeks or even years.

That's when tools such the U.S. Justice Department's National Missing and Unidentified Persons System or some plain, old-fashioned detective work come into play.

From serial numbers on pacemakers to dental records and DNA profiles, Coroner investigators do whatever it takes to identify the dead and, hopefully, find their surviving family.

"There's a lot to be said for that peace of mind that we can provide to family members who have missing loved ones," Lacy said. "(Investigators) know that somewhere out there someone is missing somebody."

The Coroner was a separate from the Sheriff's Department until January 2005 when the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors merged the two departments in an effort to improve efficiency and reduce costs.

Today, the Coroner Division employs a team of professionals including board certified forensic pathologists, an anthropologist and odontologist, pathologists, Coroner investigators, autopsy assistants, Sheriff's service specialists, clerical staff, and an indigent burial specialist.

The Coroner has offices in San Bernardino, Victorville and Needles.

Visit <http://cms.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/Divisions/Coroner.aspx> to learn more about the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's Coroner Division.

2nd District Trivia

Last Issue's Answer: In the early 1900s, a few cities in western San Bernardino County and eastern Los Angeles County proposed forming San Antonio County.

Question: What early San Bernardino County resident is credited with taking the first honeybees to Utah?

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“I was instantly excited to do that because it was helping children out in the local community,” she said. “It’s a very rewarding feeling to just know that I am contributing to helping 1,500 kids.”

Johnson said the organization’s staff made her feel at home when she showed up for her first day in October.

They took her on a tour of the facility and explained she would be checking in other volunteers and instructing them on how to fill bags with donated food.

Johnson is also charged with checking the filled bags and making sure the volunteers didn’t miss any items on their checklists.

Once the bags are filled, they are sent to local schools so teachers can place them in students’ backpacks.

The volunteer experience opened Johnson’s eyes to the importance of volunteerism. It’s also made her think about incorporating fundraising for community organizations and causes into her plans to launch a career in the entertainment industry.

“It’s really given me a new insight,” she said.

For more information about the Hands On Inland Empire visit www.handsoninlandempire.org.

Upcoming Events

March 22	A farmers market is held at the Terra Vista Shopping Center in Rancho Cucamonga from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays
April 2	The Cucamonga Christian Fellowship will host a Job and Resource Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 11376 5th Street in Rancho Cucamonga. Call (909) 945-5333 for more information.
April 4	Car enthusiasts will showcase the craftsmanship and elegance of the most distinguished and exotic automobiles around during the Fontana Car Show at 8353 Sierra Avenue. If you would like to be a part of this event, please contact the Community Services Office at 909.349.6900. Please note this is not a cruising event. Attendance is free.
April 5	The Archibald Library in Rancho Cucamonga offers Family Storytime at 11 a.m. on Saturdays. This event is geared for children ages 2 to 8. Seating is limited, so parents are encouraged to arrive early. Call the Children’s Desk at (909) 477-2720 ext. 5025 for more information about this and other children’s programs at the library.
April 5	The Rancho Cucamonga Community Yard Sale will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the RC Family Resource Center located at 9791 Arrow Route. Call (909) 477-2781 for details.
April 5	Fontana Center Stage Theatre will present “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” at 1 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. Call (909) 429-7469 for ticket, showtime and menu information.
April 12	The Lake Gregory Improvement Committee will host a community meeting from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the San Moritz Lodge.
April 12	The Crestline Chamber of Commerce will host the first Trout Derby of the season from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lake Gregory Regional Park. Call (909) 338-2233 for more information.
April 19	The 6th annual Egg Hunt and Duck Derby will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lake Gregory Regional Park. Visit www.lakegregoryduckderby.com for more information.
April 19	The City of Upland will host a Spring Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. at Memorial Park for children ages 7 and under. Call (909) 931-4280 for more information.
April 24	The 11th annual Fontana Community Assistance Program Community Resource Fair will take place from noon to 4 p.m. at 15556 Summit Avenue in Fontana.
April 26	Visit the Biane Library Story Theater every Saturday for family friendly activities for children ages 2 to 8. Seating is limited. Check in at the Children’s Information Desk 30 minutes before the program to reserve your spot. Call (909) 477-2720 ext. 5075 for more information.
May 10	The Boys and Girls Club of the Mountain Communities will host its annual fundraiser “Bid for Kids” from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa. Call (909) 338-9390 for ticket information.
May 17	The City of Upland will host the Spring Pet Adoption Faire from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Memorial Park. Contact Upland Animal Services at (909) 931-4185 for more information.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford’s office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford’s home page at www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford.